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PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country`s share in the world trade of proposed fruits and vegetables is still less than one percent in the world market;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of export of processed fruits and vegetables for the last three years;

(d) whether the Government has taken any steps to boost the production and export of processed fruits and vegetables thereby to earn more foreign exchange and to promote more employment opportunities;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to(c) India`s share of the world exports in processed fruits and vegetables is 1.16%.

(source:UN COMTRADE data for 2004)

Details of export of processed fruits and vegetables for the last three years are given below:

(Quantity: in metric tons;Value: Rupees in crores)

Item	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
Dried&Preserved Vegetables	58385.91	194.92	101534.94	216.74	124495.71	364.11
Mango Pulp	89514.84	241.99	90988.60	300.86	134613.20	364.24
Pickle & Chutneys	63052.73	119.75	67193.29	120.58	135381.85	260.98
Pulses	152774.18	325.57	249499.39	549.10	441742.59	1095.06
Other Processed Fruits& Vegetables	66070.26	243.58	80760.5	275.53	107335.24	370.21
Total	429797.92	1125.81	589976.72	1462.81	943568.59	2454.60

(source:APEDA)

(d) to (f) the steps taken by the Government in this direction include development of packaging standards for exports for various products, setting up of common infrastructure facilities in various food processing clusters , financial assistance to its registered exporters b y Agricultural and Processed Foods Export Development Authority under its schemes on Market Development, Infrastructure Development and Quality Development,Research & Development, setting up of Agri Export Zones and benefits under the Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana.